



# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned at 7:20 a.m. Saturday morning December 2, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JERRY HEMPEL has arranged for Scott Rucker, Treynor Boys Varsity Basketball Coach and High School Science teacher to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

### REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 11/25 there were 20 members and four guests present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting by leading the pledge and offered the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN KLEIN. The attendance pot was awarded to DICK BABER.

JOHN KLEIN introduced his brother Allen from Raymore, MO. Allen is a member of the Optimist Club in Raymore which is a suburb of Kansas City. DICK BABER introduced his guest Doug Sheman who grew up in Council Bluffs, but is currently working as a museum administrator in Kansas.

Birthday greetings were sung to KATHY SCHMITT which prompted a contribution to the Youth Fund. DOREEN MAYBERRY was proud to announce she was great grandmother to twin girls. And JEFF JORGENSEN said he was a new great uncle. Both contributed to the Youth Fund.

JEFF JORGENSEN said he had the Can Kennel funds for Silver-Keg Feeders 4-H that he wanted to present to them soon. With this check the accumulative Can Kennel funds topped \$50,000, so he wanted a special presentation to recognize the occasion. DALE WILLENBORG volunteered to help him arrange the presentation and publicity. A motion to spend up to \$50 for a special banner was approved.

WILLENBORG circulated flyers announcing the annual banquet of Santa's Children Christmas Village in Macedonia, IA on December 2. Call 486-2599 for reservations.

Pres. Gutttau announced the next Board meeting would be Dec. 9 as he probably would not be at the next Club meeting.

### YOUNG OPTIMISTS SPEAK

Our Club sponsors the Junior Optimist Octagon Club at Treynor High School. Club members senior Nicole Schmidt and sophomore RJ Jensen spoke about their club activities and why they like being members. Schmidt, who is club president, is the daughter of Roger and Christine and RJ is the son of Roger and Jeri Jensen. Schmidt stated there are 25 active Octagon Club members who meet at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday in the school library. As a club leader Schmidt explained she has been arranging speakers at some of their meetings to increase interest and participation of members. Exchange students from Japan, Germany, and Taiwan are



members of the club and have spoken about their home country and family life there. Jensen stated he likes being an Octagon Club member because it gives him an opportunity to help others through a service minded group. Several activities of the club have related to raising funds to help cancer patients and families in need. In October they sponsored a Halloween Dance that raised about \$300 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Research. Schmidt said club members have also contributed to the Toys for Tots project, the Treynor Food Bank, and individuals in need. They are also working on plans for an activity to support the Treynor Highway Sign project. Schmidt explained she likes being a club leader as it gives her an opportunity to get others involved in activities of service. She noted that for a few students the Octagon Club is their only school activity, but for many club members it is one of several school activities.

### CALENDAR

#### November Can Collections for Honor Band.

Nov. 29 Can and bottle sorting, 5:30 p.m.

#### December Can Collections for After-the-Prom.

Dec. 2 Club meeting, program by Scott Rucker.

Dec. 9 Club meeting, program TBA.

Board meeting after Club meeting.

Dec. 13 Can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel.

Dec. 16 Club meeting, program TBA.

Dec. 23 Club meeting, program by Michelle Johnson, University of Notre Dame Freshman.

Dec. 27 Can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel.

#### Birthdays

12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL,

12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD

#### Anniversaries

12/21 WES NELSON, 12/26 CARL GARAFFA,

12/27 GARY GUTTAU

# recognized to date

P.S. The bartender was washing his glasses, when an elderly Irishman came in. With great difficulty, the Irishman hoisted his bad leg over the barstool, pulled him self up painfully, and asked for a sip of Irish whiskey. The Irishman looked down the bar and said, "Is that Jesus down there?" The bartender nodded, so the Irishman told him to give Jesus an Irish whiskey, too.

The next patron to come in was an ailing Italian with a hunched back, who moved very slowly. He shuffled up to the barstool and asked for a glass of Chianti. He also looked down the bar and asked if that was Jesus sitting at the end of the bar. The bartender nodded, so the Italian said to give Him a glass of Chianti, too.

The third patron to enter the bar was a redneck, who swaggered into the bar and hollered, "Barkeeper, set me up a cold one! Hey, is that God's Boy down there?" The barkeeper nodded, so the redneck told him to give Jesus a cold one, too.

As Jesus got up to leave, he walked over to the Irishman and touched him and said, "For your kindness, you are healed!" The Irishman felt the strength come back to his leg, so he got up and danced a jig out the door. Jesus touched the Italian and said, "For your kindness, you are healed!" The Italian felt his back straighten, so he raised his hands above his head and did a flip out the door. Jesus walked toward the redneck, but the redneck jumped back and exclaimed, "Don't touch me! I'm drawin' disability!"

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